

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (new) A method of recording on an optical disc recording media, said method comprising the steps of:

transferring stored input information to an encoder;

transferring encoded information to a record circuit;

causing an input buffer to contain less than a threshold amount of said input information; and

when said input buffer contains less than the threshold amount of said input information, pausing said transferring of said encoded information, to stop said record circuit at a first point on said optical disc recording media while maintaining said encoded information.

Claim 41 (new): The method of claim 40, further comprising the steps of causing said input buffer to contain at least a second threshold amount of information, and resuming said step of transferring said encoded information to said record circuit, to thereby restart said record circuit while maintaining data succession across said first point on said optical disc recording media.

Claim 42 (new): The method of claim 41, wherein said threshold amounts are not equal.

Claim 43 (new): The method of claim 40, wherein said encoded information is interleave encoded.

Claim 44 (new): The method of claim 43, wherein said encoded information is CIRC encoded.

Claim 45 (new): The method of claim 40, wherein said optical disc recording media is a CD-R media.

Claim 46 (new): The method of claim 40, wherein said optical disc recording media is a CD-RW media.

Claim 47 (new): The method of claim 40, wherein said input information is data.

Claim 48 (new): The method of claim 40, wherein said input information is digital audio.

Claim 49 (new): A method of recording on an optical disc recording media, said method comprising the steps of:

transferring stored input information to an encoder;

transferring encoded information to a record circuit;

causing an input buffer to contain less than a threshold amount of said input information;

when said input buffer contains less than the threshold amount of said input information, pausing said transferring of said encoded information, to stop said record circuit at a first point on said optical disc recording media while maintaining said encoded information;

when said input buffer contains at least the threshold amount of information, resuming said step of transferring said encoded information to said record circuit, to thereby restart said record circuit while maintaining data succession across said first point on said optical disc recording media.